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FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT
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MEMORANDUM

TO: Dennis L Rubin
Fire Chief
FROM: Edward Charron *EC*
RANK: Lieutenant **CO/PLT:** E-26/1
DATE: May 21, 2007
SUBJECT: Succesessful resuscitation of patient at

On 05/13/07 at 2330hrs(Inc#58267) Engine -26 along with Medic 12 were dispatched to for CPR. Upon arrival on the scene E-26 found the same. F/F Paramedic Zachary Nathanson took the lead as Lead Medical Provider and immediately started to assess the patient, who was an 84 year old female. He found the patient not breathing as well as pulseless. He established an airway and began to ventilate using a bag valve mask. The other firefighter, Derick Graham, simultaneously began compressions. Medic -12 arrived on scene within moments staffed by EMT-I Harold Dargin and EMT-P Calvin Haupt. The defibulator was attached to the patient and a shockable rhythm was indicated. One shock was delivered at that time. The patient was packaged utilizing the reeves stretcher and then was transferred to the unit with CPR going uninterrupted. While in the unit, an I.V line was established and medications were given in accordance with protocols. Patient was intubated using an E.T tube and was then transported to Providence Hospital without delay. Upon arrival at the hospital the pt was PEA on the monitor. While in the hospital patient regained a pulse of 103 and a blood pressure of 107/68. This was accomplished by the actions of all personnel on the scene.

The successful outcome of this run is an example of what the system in place was created to do. Having a paramedic aboard the first arriving unit was instrumental in patient care. All personnel interacted in the spirit of true professionalism. I recommend that all personnel on this run be commended for their actions.